

## Interview Summary

Application No.

10/523,821

Applicant(s)

KATSUMATA, OSAMI

Examiner

John R. Paradiso

Art Unit

3721

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) John R. Paradiso.

(3) Mary Montebello.

(2) Michael Makuch.

(4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 23 October 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 7, 9 and 11.

Identification of prior art discussed: TAKAMI, LAMAMY ET AL.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

  
Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicant explained that the amendment filed 10/19/2007 clearly recites the tape winding unit with a gripper that moves the bundling tape around the stack of bank notes "with the leading end part of the bundling tape gripped by the tape gripper".

Applicant further explained that the instant application moves the end of the bundling tape around the statp by pulling it with a gripper, then lets it go, and then rollers reverse and pull the tape taught.

Applicant argued that TAKAMI does not show this claimed feature: the gripper remains still while the tape end travels around the loop (see column 3).

Applicant also explained that the novelty of the printing mechanism and controller in the instant application and how it overcomes problems in the prior art.